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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Joel Lamprecht

Application No.: 10/741,827

Group No.: 3737

Filing Date: December 19, 2003

Conf. No.: 6172

Title: PROBE BASED DIGITIZING OR COMPRESSION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MEDICAL ULTRASOUND

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above-identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

1. Prosecution on this application being closed (under either appeal, final action, notice of allowance, or other prosecution closing action), this request is being submitted prior to the earliest of:

- i.  Abandonment of the application.
- ii.  Payment of issue fee, or
- iii.  Issue fee has been paid but a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 has been granted.
- iv.  Filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §1.313, or commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
- iv.  A decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences (this RCE is to be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application) - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this RCE is being filed.

**SUBMISSIONS AND ENCLOSURES**

2. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- i.  A Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months.
- ii.  Please do not enter the previously unentered Amendment. Instead please enter:
  - the enclosed Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed
  - the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.
  - correspondence re correction of inventorship if required.
- iii.  Please enter the previously unentered Amendment previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_. A copy  is or  is not provided herein.
- iv.  An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with information list and \_\_\_\_\_ hard copy reference(s).
- v.  New arguments or new evidence in support of patentability.
- vi.  Other: Enclosed is an Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action mailed October 28, 2009 and the Advisory Action mailed March 2, 2010.

FEE FOR REQUEST REQUIRED BY 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

3. Filing fee has been calculated as shown below (other than small entity) after entering the previous amendment and/or currently submitted amendment as may be applicable:

	Current Claims Pending Minus Highest No. Previously Paid For	No. Extra	Rate	Fees
Total Claims	21 -24	= 0	x \$52 =	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	4 - 4	= 0	x \$220 =	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims Present			+ \$390 =	\$0.00
Basic filing fee				\$810.00
Total				\$810.00

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 in the amount of \$810. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for filing this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25.

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